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JOBS AVAILABILITY

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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MORE TEENS SMOKING POT

LILIANA ESCALANTE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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More teens are smoking pot. A new survey of young people by The Partnership at Drugfree.org says nearly 1 in 10 teens light up at least 20 or more times a month. The group also says abuse of prescription medicine may be easing a bit among young people in grades 9 through 12, but still remains high.

JOB LOSS

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Yesterday, we saw how people argued of high unemployment rates, but some others said there are millions of employments available, but few people qualifies for them. For example, technological engineers and bus drivers. Today, Megid explains what to do to get those jobs, most of them needs some training that can took from 6 to 9 months with a cost of 9 thousand dollars.

1/1 WOULD FAIL CITIZENSHIP TEST

JAIME GARCÍA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Hope you were paying attention in your high school social studies class. Apparently, one in three native-born Americans would fail a 10-question civics test given to immigrants applying for U.S. citizenship. 97.5 percent of immigrants pass the test, which asks basic questions about American history and government.

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100 MORE PLAYERS SUE THE NFL

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More than 100 former NFL players on Thursday sued the league claiming ongoing debilitating effects from head injuries, joining a group of some 1,500 retired players who have brought legal action on the same grounds, a plaintiff's attorney said. The latest lawsuit on behalf of over 100 plaintiffs was filed in federal court in Atlanta, said lawyer Kirk Pope. It seeks an unspecified amount of damages for lost wages, pain and

suffering, and medical treatment. Among the top athletes in the latest suit are Chris Doleman, Jamal Anderson and Jessie Tuggle, Pope said.

SPIRIT AIR \$100 FOR CARRY-ONS

VO :22

Putting a bag in the overhead bin will soon cost some Spirit Airlines passengers \$100, more than they paid for their tickets. The Miramar, Fla., airline currently charges \$45 for a carry-on bag. As of Nov. 6, customers who pay the fee at the boarding gate will fork over \$100. Any bag that needs to fit in the overhead bin is considered a carry-on. A bag that fits under the seat is free. The fee stays at \$45 if passengers pay at an airport counter or kiosk. Spirit is one of two airlines that charge for carry-ons. Spirit will increase a handful of other fees between \$2 and \$10. In the first quarter, Spirit's average revenue from fees per passenger on a round-trip flight topped \$100 for the first time.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

MARIANA ATENCIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:00

U.S. employers pulled back on hiring in April for the second straight month, a sobering reminder that the economy remains weak. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent, but only because more people gave up looking for work. The Labor Department says employers added 115,000 jobs in April That's below March's upwardly revised 154,000 jobs and far fewer than the pace from earlier this year. The unemployment rate has fallen a full percentage point since August to a three-year low. But last month's decline was not due to job growth. The government only counts people as unemployed if they are actively looking for work. In April, the percentage of adults working or looking for work fell to the lowest level in more than 30 years.

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LUIS GUTIERREZ ON ICE CHANGES AND DEPORTATION

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At least, that's the way it has been with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and its despised Secure Communities deportation program. Despite a task force assembled last year and its recommendations to reform the dreaded program, no meaningful change has taken place. "ICE has failed to make any substantive changes to its fundamentally flawed Secure Communities program, refusing even to establish a review panel to examine specific cases," said Michelle Fei co-director of the Immigrant Defense Project, which led the effort to suspend the program in New York through a coalition known as the New York State Working Group Against Deportation. "The agency has already deported over one million

immigrants under President Obama watch by funneling immigrants into an unfair immigration system that only compounds the injustices of the criminal justice system," added Fei. It should not be forgotten that, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, among those deported were 46,486 parents of U.S. citizen children expelled in the first half of 2011. This resulted in at least 5,100 of these children being placed in foster care. By comparison, the ACLU states, in the entire decade between 1998 and 2007, about 100,000 such parents were deported.

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OBESITY RATES

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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In the battle against obesity, just about everything is on the table, from creating healthier kids' meals to nagging people to exercise. Specialists meeting in Washington on Tuesday are looking for a blueprint on reducing America's weight problem as they debate what strategies should be a priority. Today, just over a third of adults are obese. A government-funded study suggests that by 2030, 42 percent will be. That's not nearly as many as experts once predicted, before years of the rapid rise in obesity rates began leveling off. But Americans aren't getting thinner either.

ROMNEY ON IMMIGRATION

VO :24

The Republican National Committee is making efforts to target Hispanic voters in key swings states in preparation for the November presidential election, and by their own admission, they're still working out some of the kinks. When asked during a meeting with reporters Tuesday how Republicans plan to convince Hispanics that their platform on immigration is better than the Democratic plan, RNC National

Hispanic Outreach Coordinator Bettina Inclan declined to answer because, she said, Mitt Romney is "still deciding what his position on immigration is."

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OBAMA GAY MARRIAGE

LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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President Barack Obama says he now supports same-sex marriage, ending months of equivocation on a subject with powerful election-year consequences. Obama says he has concluded that it is important for him to affirm that he thinks same-sex couples should be able to get married. He says he came to the conclusion over the course of several years of talking to family and friends.

HOMEOWNER DEBT REDUCTION

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Homeowners with a Bank of America mortgage have good reason to check their mailbox. The lender said Tuesday it has begun mailing out letters to customers who may qualify to have their home loans reduced as part of a multistate settlement over alleged foreclosure abuses.

The Charlotte, N.C.-based company estimates that more than 200,000 of its customers could potentially be in line for a reduction in the principal balance on their mortgage.

\$240,000 NEEDED FOR RETIREMENT

VO :24

New retirees can expect to pay 4 percent more to cover medical bills after their working lives are over than those who retired a year ago. That's according to the latest annual projection by Fidelity Investments. The estimated \$240,000 that a newly retired couple will need marks a return to the typical pattern of projected annual increases. Fidelity cut the estimate for the first time last year, citing prescription drug cost savings for seniors from President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

POST OFFICES WONT CLOSE

VO :14

The U.S. Postal Service said it is abandoning for now its plan to close thousands of post offices in rural locations and will instead keep them operating with shorter opening hours. The cash-strapped agency faced significant backlash from Congress and communities last summer when it began considering about 3,600 post offices for closure this year. Instead, now 13,000 post offices with low traffic will shorten their operations to between two and six hours a day.

SCREENING AIRPORT MACHINE

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:06

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) did not properly test new passenger screening machines designed to detect nonmetallic underwear bombs before installing them at U.S. airports, lawmakers will hear Wednesday. The agency should have had an approved testing plan for the new machines before it moved ahead with buying and installing them but did not, investigators from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) will tell a joint hearing of two House committees.

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HIV PREVENTION PILL

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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A pill to prevent HIV infection is already being given to some healthy people, but without government approval, it remains out of reach and too costly for many who need it. Doctors, patients and advocates say that would change if the Food and Drug Administration takes a landmark step and allows the pill, Truvada, to be marketed for prevention. The drug has been used for some time as a treatment for those already infected with the AIDS virus. A panel of advisers to the Food and Drug Administration late Thursday endorsed using Truvada as a preventive. In the 30-year battle against AIDS, "it's the first time we have talked about a medication for prevention of HIV". Doctors are allowed to prescribe Truvada "off-label" for prevention, but FDA approval would formally allow the pill's maker Gilead Sciences to market it for that use. It would probably lead many more insurance companies to pay for the costly drug. The FDA usually follows advisers' recommendations and a decision is expected by June 15.

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INM ALABAMA AGRICULTORES

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Some Alabama farmers say they are planting less produce rather than risk having crops rot in the fields a second straight year because of labor shortages linked to the state's crackdown on illegal immigration. Farmers interviewed by The Associated Press say they had no choice but to reduce acreage. They fear there won't be enough workers to pick crops at harvest time. The crops are often picked by Hispanic migrants, both legal and illegal. It's unclear exactly how many farmers are changing their planting patterns this year because of the law. Neither the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries nor the Alabama Farmers Federation has compiled statistics yet for the year. But a federation expert says this year will be vital in determining the size of Alabama's labor shortage and its potential cost to consumers.

IMMIGRATION MASSACHUSETTS

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A new law aimed at deporting illegal immigrants charged with or convicted of crimes is set to go into effect on Tuesday, over the objections of civil rights groups and Gov. Deval Patrick. The so-called Secure Communities act gives the federal government the right to check the immigration status of locally arrested individuals to determine if they are in the country illegally. If they are, they face deportation.

The law, which went into effect last week in New Hampshire, has been rolled out across the country since 2008 and has been a huge success, according to a spokesman for the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, or ICE.

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SECURE COMMUNITIES

VIVIANA ALVILA / NEW YORK

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Secure communities will begin tomorrow in NY. City Council members, immigration advocates and religious officials criticize Tuesday's planned implementation of the "Secure Communities" immigration enforcement program by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

EXTREME WEATHER ALERT

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:06

Wireless carriers and the federal government are launching a system to automatically warn people of dangerous weather and other emergencies via a special type of text messaging to cellphones

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AIRPORT SECURITY BREACH

ENRIQUE TEUTELLO / NEW YORK

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Alarmed by a federal report that says security breaches at major airports are underreported more than half the time, the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee said yesterday he will hold a hearing on the issue tomorrow in Washington.

ALZHEIMER GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

VO :20

Today Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius laid out the Obama administration's plans to help those suffering from Alzheimers and their families. In addition to the 50\$ million that will be spent by the NIH on research money will be spent for education and assistance to families of Alzheimer patients.

DREAMERS CONGRESS LAWSUIT

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

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After years of advocacy and risking deportation numerous times, undocumented youth in 2010 were able to push for the DREAM Act to be voted on in the U.S. House and Senate. The DREAM Act would allow undocumented youth a path to legal status if they graduated from college or the military.

VISA FOREIGN SKILL WORKERS

VO :20

A leading Republican in the U.S. Senate on Tuesday unveiled legislation to raise the number of temporary visas for skilled technical workers from foreign countries, but prospects of passage this year could be clouded by election-year politics. Senator John Cornyn, the senior Republican on a panel that oversees immigration, introduced a bill that would make an additional 55,000 visas available each year for graduates with master's and doctoral degrees who have studied at U.S. research institutions.

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